

HOUSE RESOLUTION 290  
By Campfield

A RESOLUTION to recognize Erik John Swanson on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Erik John Swanson, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Anne and Jeffery Swanson, Erik is a student at Bearden High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 630 includes numerous Merit Badges, distinguished service, and election to the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Erik's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Erik Swanson's Eagle project benefited the All Saints Catholic Church and surrounding community in Knoxville. Working with the pastor of the church, F. Chris Michelson, Erik improved a fire circle located on church property that supports various church functions and also provides walking and jogging paths, playgrounds, volleyball, meditation areas, and a pavilion for the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, for his project, Mr. Swanson installed permanent benches, a permanent brick fire ring, wood storage pad, and framed sand base, thus greatly improving the

maintenance and accessibility of the area and allowing church and community groups to better utilize the property; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished athlete, Erik Swanson served as a valuable member of the Bearden varsity soccer team through his sophomore year and then joined the West Knox Lacrosse team in its inaugural year, which team he has led as co-captain; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Erik Swanson as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Erik John Swanson on becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.